

Legal Notice

Proposed Full Bond Release for MKH Montana LLC, Located in Sanders County, MT

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has received a request for full bond release from MKH Montana LLC (MKH). MKH is authorized to operate three decorative rock product quarries under Operating Permit No. 00205. The sites are #53 Miller 9 Rock, #55 Miller Combest Rock, and #84 Rock 9. The #53 Miller 9 Rock and #84 Rock 9 sites are located on private land in Section 9 of Township 19N Range 26W. The #55 Miller Combest Rock site is located on private land in Section 9,10, and 15 of Township 19N Range 26W. All sites are approximately 3.5 miles southwest of Plains, in Sanders County.

DEQ currently holds a reclamation bond in the amount of \$7,356. DEQ is proposing to release \$7,356 and retain \$0. DEQ has verified through an onsite inspection the permitted sites have either been fully reclaimed or were never mined. Operating Permit No. 00205 will be permanently closed if the bond is released as proposed.

Pursuant to Section 82-4-338(5), Montana Code Annotated (MCA), DEQ may not release or decrease a reclamation bond until the public has been provided an opportunity for a hearing and a hearing has been held if requested. Requests for a hearing or comments on the proposed bond release must be submitted to DEQ by August 9, 2023, and sent to Eric Dahlgren, Department of Environmental Quality, Hard Rock Mining Section, Mining Bureau, PO Box 200901, Helena, MT 59620-0901, or to edahlgren@mt.gov. Information about the proposed bond release or copies of the bond calculation may be obtained by contacting Eric Dahlgren at (406) 444-5245 or edahlgren@mt.gov.